

Connecticut Legislature

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The idea that we should respond to mass public shootings with restrictive gun laws is wrong and makes no sense. Restrictive gun laws will only apply to law abiding citizens, criminals will not obey any laws. Law abiding citizens do not need any more laws to govern their gun rights. As we all know, the Aurora Colorado Movie Theatre was posted as a gun free zone. Also, it is unlawful to carry a firearm in Connecticut on any school property when students are present. These laws, already in place, which are meant to protect people, actually make it easier for these dangerous evil people to do the most harm possible.

1. For our schools, I am in favor of a "Guardians" program. This entails arming willing volunteer participants that work in our schools with ample concealed carry weapons and training to be able to turn back or at least slow down an attack on our schools or children. They can be teachers, faculty, clerical or anyone who qualifies and works on site. There can be as many that come forward to volunteer for this work. The State should pay for their weapons and training. They should be carefully trained and evaluated for this duty. They should be equipped with fragmenting bullets to decrease the chance of ricochet injuries. We must accept reality – evil exists. We must acknowledge that even though we have some very fine people in law enforcement in our State, cities and towns, they simply cannot be everywhere at once, and those of us that are capable must stand up and fill that gap. We should work to remove the stigma surrounding responsible gun ownership and realize that a gun, in the hands of the right people, is a lifesaving device – not a tool for murder and mayhem. There should be no further restrictions on guns for law abiding citizens. As example: Regarding restrictions on magazine capacity:
 - I. The Criminals will not obey.
 - II. High capacity magazines are already out there, eradicating them will be all but impossible. Making them illegal is bound to work as well as alcohol prohibition worked – Simply making organized crime wealthy and powerful.
 - III. Enacting unjust legislation will lead to anarchy, as other public officials that are not in agreement with such legislation may no feel obligated to obey or enforce such laws.
 - IV. Most importantly, law abiding citizens need to be able to respond to any threat with the same or greater fire power that they may find themselves threatened by.

2. Furthermore, we are not willing to accept any compromises of our rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America. Compromise in the chink in the armor that will eventually bring great damage to our personal freedom and our Nation. Protecting our Constitutional Rights is more important than any issue before us now. We must preserve these rights for our children and the future generations of the Nation. The Second Amendment is in place to protect this Nation from Tyrannical government. The argument for more restrictive gun laws has no basis in reality. Lacking a basis in reality, it appears to be a move of a tyrannical government to disarm the people – This will not be tolerated.
3. I respectfully request anyone in public serviced, be they elected, appointed, or hired, if you are not willing to protect the U.S. Constitution and all the rights guaranteed under the Constitution for every law abiding citizen; that you please step down, resign from your position so that position can be filled by one who will stand up for our Constitutional rights.
4. The tragedies that have occurred have been heartbreaking and have brought us literally to our knees in tears; myself included. We must not let our emotions over rule our intellect, especially in matters like this. We obviously have serious problems with evil and or mentally ill individuals that are willing to carry out these deadly attacks. This is where we must work, to solve these issues by attacking the criminals, not by attacking law abiding citizens. We must remain ready at all times to counter these attacks. We must not allow ourselves to be fooled into thinking that any form of legislation aimed at restricting the law abiding citizens can protect us – It is simply not the truth. We must stand united and refuse to be victims of either the sick and twisted criminals or a well meaning but seriously mistaken government body.

Sincerely;

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